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COUNTRY East GermanySECURITY INFORMATION
REPORT NO. TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and VP TrainsEVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 24 April to 5 May 1953

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1. KVP trains passing through the Teterow railroad station on 24 April and 3 May 1953 included: a train of 16 boxcars and 24 flatcars with medium AA guns, and another train of 20 boxcars and 13 flatcars with medium AA guns from Neubrandenburg to Guestrow on 24 April; and a train of 3 flatcars with armored scout cars from Guestrow to Neubrandenburg on 3 May. ¹

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3. Troop trains identified from railroad records included: trains of 23 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 82 flatcars from Rathenow to Gardelegen on 4 May; and two trains of 8 converted boxcars, 8 boxcars and 48 flatcars, ² from Satzkorn to Colbitz on 5 May. ³

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4. Troop trains listed in railroad records between 26 April and 3 May included:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
26 April	85 boxcars, 2 gondola cars and 42 flatcars with an artillery battalion	Kummersdorf	Mosigkau	4
27 April	25 boxcars and 6 gondola cars with artillery	Kummersdorf	Dessau- Meinsdorf	4

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29 April	46 boxcars and 14 flatcars with an engineer battalion	Sperenberg	Erkner	5
2 May	9 boxcars and 9 SSY-type flatcars with engineer troops	Sperenberg	Priestewitz	25X1
3 May	3 boxcars and 19 flatcars with engineer troops	Sperenberg	Coswig	5

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5. Troop trains from Wildpark identified from railroad records included:
a train of 45 boxcars and 6 flatcars, [redacted] to
Kummersdorf on 23 April. [redacted] and a train of 25 boxcars and 25
flatcars, [redacted] to Sperenberg on 5 May. 6

1. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the VP train proceeding toward Guestrow
carried elements of the AAA regiment of the Armeegruppe Nord.

2. [redacted] Comment. The same troop train was previously observed passing through
the Ruhland railroad station by another source. The train carried elements
of the 64th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Leisnig.

3. [redacted] Comment. On 4 and 5 May 1953, two troop trains [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] from Rathenow to Gardelegen were reported by another
source. The trains probably carried components of the 25th RL Brig. See
[redacted] The two troop trains to Colbitz were also mentioned
in the reference report and carried rear details of the 10th Gds Tank Div. 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. Compare with a similar observation by another source on
the movement of the 62nd AAA Div to Dessau-Kochstedt. [redacted]

5. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms the previous assumption that the
troop trains from Sperenberg carried the 35th Engr Regt (US). [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The second reference report indicated that Coswig was
receiving station of all troop trains dispatched from Sperenberg on and
after 2 May 1953. It was stated previously that two railroad stations named
Coswig are situated in East Germany and that the Coswig referred to could
not definitely be interpreted. The present report indicates that the Coswig
railroad station belongs to the Dresden district, as a Priestewitz railroad
station is situated north of Coswig. As it is improbable that the engineer
regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army should have moved to the area of the
First Gds Mecz Army for summer training, it is believed that Priestewitz
was confused with Piesteritz, a railroad station which, like Coswig, is
situated in the area west of Wittenberg, and that the regiment was unloaded
in this area. Confirmation by local sources is required.

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6. Comment. On 26 April 1953, the beginning of the evacuation of the Golm Kaserne in Potsdam was reported; and, on 28 April 1953, the loading of a troop train at the Wildpark railroad station was observed by another source. It is fairly definitely believed that the signal unit and a repair shop previously quartered at the Golm Kaserne in Potsdam were transferred to the billets at Krumersdorf vacated by the 62nd AAA Div.(US).

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